

Houston, TX; Julia Avery, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Houston Air Route Traffic Center; and Jan Vera Gonzales, Class Agent, John Wayne Tower; and public witnesses.

#### **BAN ON SMOKING IN FEDERAL BUILDING ACT**

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 2118, Ban on Smoking in Federal Buildings Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, GSA; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

#### **VA INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS— ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT AT CERTAIN MEDICAL CENTERS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Inspector General Reports on Alleged Mismanagement at the Charleston, South Carolina and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania VA Medical Centers, and on related matters. Testimony was heard from Representative Sanford; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer, Dean S. Billick, Director, Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System, Veterans Integrated Services Network 17, Thomas A. Cappello, Director, Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System, Veterans Integrated Services Network 4, all with the Veterans Health Administration; Fletcher P. Truesdell, Employee, Charleston VA Medical Center; and Kate Irene Smith, Employee, Charleston VA Medical Center.

#### **FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, with emphasis on the Current State of Public Opinion on Social Security Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT; UNILATERAL TRADE SANCTIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade approved for full committee action amended H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hamilton, Kolbe and Ros-Lehtinen; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1102)*

S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse". Signed October 22, 1997. (P.L. 105-63)

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997 Senate**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine the National export strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize, Victor Marrero, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Christopher C. Ashby, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, 9 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to hold hearings on H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

#### **House**

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 10, the Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Solar Power: A Fresh Look, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.